

and made changes to our bylaws to improve how we conduct business. For continued growth, it is essential that state chapters satisfy their bylaw requirements and meet their IRS non-profit obligations. This will be required to be recognized as a SE-EPPC non-profit organization. In addition, it is important to see SE-EPPC establish tangible goals that can be translated into actions that ultimately help stop the continued introduction of invasive exotic pest plants and facilitates controlling invasive exotic pest plants in natural areas.

Notes from the symposium

So many thanks go out to the TN-EPPC for successfully hosting an excellent symposium (see *Wildland Weeds*, Summer 2002). While the books have not been closed, I can happily report that it was financially a successful event with sponsorship revenues reaching over \$10,000. The total revenue over expenses for the symposium is well in excess of this amount. Next year's conference will be hosted by KY-EPPC and will be held in Lexington. We hope to see many of you there.

North Carolina EPPC Really Exists

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While folks from North Carolina have attended Exotic Pest Plant Council meetings in other states, an official NC-EPPC had just been in the formative stages for the past few years. We gathered information from other EPPCs and have been taking steps such as writing by laws and establishing our

purposes under the leadership of Gene Cross from the NC Department of Agriculture. One of our objectives from the outset was to encourage participation by the diversity of interests impacted by invasive plants. We wanted the many points of view on the subject of invasive exotic plants considered for the benefit of all North Carolinians.

On March 21, 2002 the North Carolina Chapter of the Exotic Pest Plant Council officially came into existence. In general, the purposes of the Council are to:

- Provide a focus for issues and concerns regarding exotic pest plants in North Carolina
- Facilitate communication and the exchange of information regarding all aspects of exotic pest plant control and management
- Provide a forum where all interested parties may participate in meetings and share in the benefits from the information generated by the Council
- Promote public understanding regarding exotic pest plants and their control
- Serve as an advisory council regarding funding, research, management, and control of exotic pest plants
- Facilitate action campaigns to monitor and control exotic pest plants in North Carolina
- Review incipient and potential pest plant management problems and activities and provide relevant information to interested parties

The board consists of:

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